

*Congressman King tells attendees that HR 2942 is necessary to protect against future floods*

Washington, D.C.- Congressman Steve King (R-IA) yesterday attended the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' public meeting in Omaha, Nebraska to discuss the importance of Congressional passage of his flood control legislation, H.R. 2942. King's legislation requires the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to increase the amount of storage space in the Missouri River Reservoir System that is dedicated for flood control, and its passage and enactment into law would provide protection against future episodes of significant downstream flooding. During the public meeting, King stated that the flooding has caused billions of dollars in damage, and that his legislation is intended to prevent such widespread and costly damage from occurring in the future.

Congressman King- "The value that it's going to take to put this all back together down here is counted in hundreds of millions, in fact I believe it's counted in billions. So I want to protect us from those billions in future years, and that's why I'm pushing this particular legislation...I will continue to work with the Corps and all of the public up and down the river to try to get the best result we can."

On Sunday, the Omaha World-Herald published [Congressman King's op-ed](#) discussing the importance of requiring the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to update its flood control storage policies. The Omaha World-Herald has previously [editorialized in favor](#)

of Congressman King's flood control bill, calling H.R. 2942 "a logical place to start as federal and state officials look for ways to keep such a devastating flood from happening again."

Congressman King's flood control legislation has received [strong, bipartisan support](#) from Members of Congress representing both upstream and downstream Missouri River states. Original cosponsors of the King bill include: Rep. Kristi Noem (R-SD), Rep. Sam Graves (R-MO), Rep. Emanuel Cleaver II (D-MO), Rep. Vicki Hartzler (R-MO), Rep. Blaine Luetkemeyer (R-MO), Rep. Jeff Fortenberry (R-NE), Rep. Lee Terry (R-NE), Rep. Tom Latham (R-IA), Rep. Leonard Boswell (D-IA), Rep. Bruce Braley (D-IA) and Rep. Dave Loebsack (D-IA).

## King Discusses Missouri River Flood Control Legislation at Public Meeting

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